



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 912

Hearing Date: January 22, 2002

Committee On: Agriculture

Introducer(s): (Dierks, Cunningham, Wehrbein, Vrtiska)

Title: Extend the use of farm mediation

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Burling, Cunningham, Dierks, Erdman, Schimek, Schrock
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senators Chambers, Vrtiska

Proponents:

Senator Merton L. Dierks, #40
Merlyn Carlson
Marian Beethe
Robert J. Hallstrom
Norma Hall

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Bankers Association
Women Involved in Farm Economics

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 912 would expand the types of disputes which may be accepted for mediation under the Nebraska Farm Mediation Act to include program disputes with USDA agencies in intermediate stages prior to a decision of the USDA adverse to a farm program participant. The bill also extends the sunset date of the Act from June 30, 2003 to June 30, 2009.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendments remove sections 1 and 2 of the bill expanding the types of disputes which may be accepted for mediation leaving only the extension of the sunset date of the Nebraska Farm Mediation Act.

Senator Merton L. Dierks, Chairperson